



## The New York Academy of Medicine Hosts 20th Annual Gala, "Healthy Cities, Healthy World"

### Event to Honor eCaring, Dr. Jeremiah Barondess, and Dr. Thomas Morris

New York – The New York Academy of Medicine (NYAM) will hold its 20th Annual Gala, "**Healthy Cities, Healthy World**," at the Pierre Hotel on June 16. Creating healthy environments in cities is more critical than ever before now that more than half the world's population lives in cities, with that number continuing to grow.

"The Academy has a proud tradition of bringing together the best minds, leaders, and practitioners to address its vital mission of advancing the health of people in urban settings, supporting healthy aging, preventing disease, and the elimination of health disparities," said James Flynn, Gala Co-chair and NYAM Trustee. "This Gala serves to highlight our commitment to these objectives and to strengthen our ability to execute on these priorities."

NYAM's 20th Annual Gala will honor companies and organizations that use technology to improve health, particularly among older adults. NYAM will present eCaring with the Corporate Leadership award for its creation and use of technology in service of elder health. Use of eCaring's digital home care management system has reduced hospital and ER visits and readmissions in programs with several major health care providers in the New York region. Robert Herzog, CEO will accept the award. NYAM will also recognize HITE: Health Information Tool for Empowerment and Older Adults Technology Services (OATS) for their contributions to health and social services through the use of technology resources and training.

The event will also salute two key figures in NYAM's history: NYAM President Emeritus Jeremiah Barondess, MD will receive the Urban Health Champion Award for his leadership and long tenure as the Academy's first full time president, during which time he established NYAM's profile and thought leadership in urban health. NYAM Chairman Emeritus Thomas Morris, MD will receive special recognition for his longtime commitment to and leadership of the Board of Trustees and his lifetime of service to the New York medical community.

"NYAM is pleased to honor eCaring for its innovative use of technology to help vulnerable populations remain more independent as they manage their health at home," said Dr. Jo Ivey Boufford, MD, NYAM President. "We are also proud to honor two of our own, President Emeritus Dr. Jeremiah Barondess and Chairman Emeritus Dr. Thomas Morris, for their distinguished careers and for their outstanding commitment to NYAM."

### **About The New York Academy of Medicine**

The New York Academy of Medicine advances the health of people in cities.

An independent organization since 1847, NYAM addresses the health challenges facing the world's urban populations through interdisciplinary approaches to policy leadership, innovative research, evaluation, education, and community engagement.

Drawing on the expertise of diverse partners worldwide and more than 2,000 elected Fellows from across the professions, our current priorities are to create environments in cities that support healthy aging; to strengthen systems that prevent disease and promote the public's health; to eliminate health disparities; and to preserve and promote the heritage of medicine and public health.

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